



C&S
Wholesale
Grocers

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Dear Members of the Labor & Public Employees Committee:

My name is Bruce Johnson, Executive Vice President of Human Resources at C&S Wholesale Grocers, Inc., with grocery distribution facilities in both Windsor Locks and Suffield, Connecticut. We employ more than 600 people in these locations.

I am writing to voice my opposition to SB-63, which would require Connecticut employers to provide paid sick leave. This proposal will substantially increase our business costs and force us to reevaluate the benefits we currently provide to our employees. No other state where C&S operates has such a mandate, and ultimately the legislation will make Connecticut a higher cost, less competitive state in which to do business.

We urge you to reject this proposal and work with the business community to help control rising labor and workplace costs in Connecticut. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bruce Johnson
EVP, Human Resources